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## Town Officers for 1941-42

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Moderator

CONEY E. PACKARD

Clerk

LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

LIONEL L. MERRILL

LESLIE E. WHARF                           ADIN A. GREEN

Treasurer

SUMNER L. HART

School Committee

MARY G. LEIGHTON                         ELEANOR B. WHARF

ELLA E. LEIGHTON

Superintendent

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Fence Viewers

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON                   IRVING G. PREBLE

Surveyors of Lumber

DELMONT C. WESTON                     LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Ballot Clerks

MYRTLE LEIGHTON, R                     VERA McKENNEY, D

HARRY PRESCOTT, R                     CONEY E. PACKARD, D

Road Commissioner

REXFORD TURNER

Fire Warden

CONEY PACKARD

Mothers' Aid

EVELINA KNOWLES                         ANNIE WESTON

AFFIE KNOWLES

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

WILLIAM L. EARLEY

Sexton

WILLIAM F. KING

Constables

SUMNER L. HART

SYLVANUS L. COOK

IVA M. EARLEY

WILLIAM L. EARLEY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED M. HESCOCK

Health Officer

WILLIAM L. EARLEY

Plumbing Inspector

WILLIAM L. EARLEY

Board of Health

L. MAUDE PATTERSON

EUGENE WESTON

Pound Keeper

SUMNER L. HART

Tax Collectors

IVA M. EARLEY

WILLIAM L. EARLEY

Attendance Officer

LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Field Driver

EUGENE WESTON

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

ADIN A. GREEN

BURTON N. PACKARD

Budget Committee

L. MAUDE PATTERSON

ELEANOR WHARFF

HUGH GOODELL

LIONEL MERRILL

LESLIE WHARFF

SUMNER L. HART

CHARLES E. TEFFT

BURTON N. PACKARD—absent

Vacancy filled by LESLIE KNOWLES

WALTER L. ARNOLD—absent—

Vacancy filled by ADIN A. GREEN



## **Warrant for Town Meeting**

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Piscataquis, ss.

To Sumner L. Hart, a constable in the town of Willimantic, County of Piscataquis and State of Maine.

### **GREETING:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Willimantic, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on the 16th day of March, 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept all town reports.

Art. 3. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen.

Art. 5. To choose three or more assessors.

Art. 6. To choose three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 7. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 8. To choose one or more school committee.

Art. 9. To choose one or more fire wards for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To choose a tax collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum the town will vote to pay the tax collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will elect one member of the municipal board of mothers' aid for a term of three years.

Art. 14. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and poor, repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all the other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise the amount of \$45.00 for Special Resolve maintenance.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will raise for summer roads and bridges.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Merrill road, so called, for winter travel.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Crockett road, so called, for winter travel.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Whitcomb road, so called, for winter travel.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take in regards to plowing the snow roads, season of 1942 and 1943.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for winter roads and snow fences.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for town charges.

Art. 25. To see how many weeks of school the town will vote to have for the ensuing year.

Art. 26. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.

Art. 27. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for school repairs.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for school supplies.

Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise for free high school.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise for the salary of superintendent of schools.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to pay their school committee the same as last year and out of town charges.

Art. 33. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial Day services and flags.

Art. 34. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Chapter 213, Public Laws of 1941.

Art. 35. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the joint State Aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to State Aid roads, in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.

Art. 36. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the third class apportionment for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to Third Class roads, in excess of the requirements of Section 1, Chapter 207, P. L. 1939.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will raise for cutting bushes on the State Aid and Third Class roads under Chapter 145, P. L. 1929.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for road patrol maintenance and how much for the ensuing year.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$100.00 for the maintenance of Third Class roads under Chapter 124, P. L. 1927.

Art. 40. To see what action the town will take in regards to straightening the Ivan Leighton road, so called.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town, such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxation.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to rescind any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amount required to meet State apportionments.

Art. 43. To see what action the town will vote to take towards authorizing the treasurer and tax collector to refuse payment, part or whole, on orders presented by persons indebted to the town.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute and deliver release deeds, or other, and transact all other business for, and pertaining to the town's interest in lands, buildings and other estate, personal and real, taken in by the town for unpaid taxes.

Art. 45. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of a county nurse.

Art. 46. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the Girls' and Boys' 4-H clubs and how much.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to elect a budget committee of five or more persons to serve without pay.

Art. 48. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82 of the revised statutes. Said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine and raise money for same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose or revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town Hall, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Willimantic this first day of March 1942 A. D.

LIONEL L. MERRILL,  
LESLIE E. WHARFF,  
ADIN A. GREEN,  
Selectmen of Willimantic.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

Support of Poor	\$ 900 00
Summer Roads and Bridges	600 00
Winter Roads and Snow Fence	700 00
Town Charges	1,600 00
State Aid Road	300 00
Cutting Bushes on State Aid, Third Class	150 00
Patrol Maintenance	354 60
Third Class Maintenance	100 00
County Nurse	25 00
Memorial Day Services and Flags	9 25
Special Resolve Maintenance	45 00
Girls and Boys' 4-H clubs	15 00

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Willimantic:

We, as members of the Budget Committee, held a meeting after the books were closed and made the following suggestions as above.

On March 16th let us all get together at our annual Town Meeting and raise as little money as possible, but enough to protect our homes and families while engaged in this great war of Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

LIONEL L. MERRILL

LESLIE E. WHARF

ADIN A. GREEN

SUMNER L. HART

HUGH S. GOODELL

CHARLES E. TEFFT

L. MAUDE PATTERSON

LESLIE W. KNOWLES

ELEANOR WHARFF

Budget Committee.

## Report of Assessors

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC  
APRIL 1, 1941

Real Estate, resident	\$ 35,901 00
Real estate, non-resident	83,264 00
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Total real estate	\$ 119,165 00
Personal estate, resident	\$ 6,262 00
Personal estate, non-resident	715 00
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Total personal estate	\$ 6,977 00
	_____
Grand total amount	\$ 126,142 00
Total value of land	\$ 86,925 00
Total value of buildings	32,240 00
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Total value of land and buildings	\$ 119,165 00
No. of polls taxed, 61	
No. of polls Not taxed, 10	
Rate of taxation, .067	

### TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Value	Total Val.
Horses and mules	27	69 plus	\$ 1,885 00
Cows	37	27 plus	1,030 00
Three-year-olds	5	27 plus	138 00
Two-year-olds	9	19 plus	178 00

Sheep (over 35 in No.)	2	3 00	6 00
Poultry (over 50 in No.)	500	.50	250 00

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Total amount of taxable live stock \$ 3,487 00

#### EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Value	Total Val.
Yearlings	18	\$12 00	\$232 00
Sheep to 35 in No.	92	3 00	276 00
Swine to 10 in No.	15	12 00	187 00
Poultry to 50 in No.	362	50	181 00

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Total amount		\$876 00
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#### ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Kind	No.	Value
Gas engines	11	\$185 00
Light plants	5	340 00
Stock in trade	4	750 00
Boats	77	945 00
Gas pumps and attachments	5	125 00
Radios	38	445 00
Tractors	4	235 00
Outboard motors	27	465 00

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Total		\$ 3,490 00
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Amount of taxable livestock and poultry brought forward		\$ 3,487 00
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Total amount personal property		\$ 6,977 00
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#### TOWN PROPERTY OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Town hall and tools \$ 1,600 00

#### VALUE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

No. 1 school building	\$ 700 00
No. 2 school building	1,000 00

No. 3 school building	1,000 00
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Total	\$ 2,700 00
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We, the undersigned, assessors of the town of Willimantic, hereby certify that the following is a true list and inventory appraisal and valuation of all the polls and estate, personal and real, liable to assessment and taxation in said town of Willimantic on the first day of April, 1941, A. D.

#### CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Support of poor	\$ 900 00
Debt to public school fund	287 50
Special resolve maintenance	45 00
Summer roads and bridges	650 00
Winter roads and snow fence	700 00
Town charges	1,600 00
Support of schools	1,575 00
Text books	50 00
Repairs on school houses	50 00
School supplies	60 00
Salary of Supt. of schools	95 00
Memorial day services and flags	10 00
State Aid road	450 00
Cutting bushes on State Aid and	
Third Class roads	125 00
Patrol maintence	362 00
Third Class Maintenance	142 00
County Nurse	15 00
Girls and Boys' 4-H clubs	15 00
Total	\$ 7,132 20
County tax	\$ 237 63
State tax	1,098 04
Overlay	166 98
Total	\$ 8,634 85

Rate of assessment, .067

Date of assessment, May 7th

No. of polls taxed, 61

No. of polls not taxed, 10

Delivered to Iva M. Earley with warrant for \$8,634.85,  
May seventh, 1941.

No. of dogs 17

Males 15

Females 2

LIONEL L. MERRILL,  
LESLIE E. WHARFF,  
ADIN A. GREEN,

Assessors of Willimantic.

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES

1940 Lewis Sears	\$	3 00
1941 Caleb Leavitt		5 23
Daniel Lamont		67
Coney E. Packard		2 35
Charles A. Frost		2 88
Manford Knowles		3 00
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Total	\$	17 13

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Resident —1941:

Jesse B. Arnold	\$	21 37
Archie L. Bragg		35 96
Wm. H. Cook		3 00
Kenneth Cook		3 00
Sadie Cook		28 07
Lewis Freeze		3 00
Alice Harriman, Est.		2 01
G. Merle Hill		10 73
Herbert W. King		3 00
Burton L. Knowles		60 94

Charles H. Leavitt	30 14
John L. Leavitt	4 69
John F. McKinney	15 01
J. Sevey Prescott	57 63
Harry M. Prescott	53 94
Irving G. Preble	12 72
David F. Preble	10 34
Clifton R. Stone	32 88
Walter S. Stone	3 34
Francis H. Smith	82 95

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\$ 474 72

Non-resident—1941:

Connor, E. A., Est. and

Lewis Freeze	36 78
Catherine Cope	25 80
Federal Land Bank	129 65

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\$ 192 23

## Report of Selectmen

Due Public School Fund	\$ 500 00
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES & FLAGS	
Raised by town	\$ 10 00
Unexpended Mar. 1st, 1941	75
	— \$ 10 75
Paid Leslie W. Knowles	10 00
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Unexpended March 1, 1942	\$ 75
TOWN CHARGES	
Amount raised by town	\$ 1,600 00
Excise tax	229 65
Taken from overlay	166 98
Cemetery lot	5 00
Dog license refund	21 51
Supplementary tax, two polls	6 00
Railroad tax	40
Interest on Cemetery Trust Fund	5 00
Wilson Valley Grange, half of wiring town hall	55 36
Accrued interest and cost on liens	32 01
Transferred from patrol maintenance	7 40
	—
	\$ 2,129 31
Unexpended Mar. 1, 1941	85 78
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Amount available, Mar. 1, 1941	\$ 2,215 09

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Mark Printing House, Office Supplies	\$	7 50
State Treasurer, care of Marshall Southards		65 15
Mark Printing House, office supplies		18 40
Hutchins Brothers, office supplies		4 95
Starbirds Express, exp. on Gov't com.		2 19
Oxford County Fire Insurance Co.		
Insurance premiums on Leighton farm		2 40
Registry of Deeds, transfers		60
Register Publishing Co., town reports		56 40
Starbird's Express, Gov't com.		50
Loring, Short and Harmon, office supplies		90
William Bates, stamps		4 00
Lionel L. Merrill, handling and hauling		
Gov't com.		4 00
Lionel L. Merrill, one trip after Gov't com.		
and telephone		1 75
Mark Printing House, books		2 00
Starbirds Express, exp. on Gov't com.		2 18
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		20 00
Town of Guilford, Bill Early's fire		26 00
Guilford Trust Co., banking charges		88
Fox and Ginn, Govt. com.		1 40
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		20 00
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		40 00
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		20 00
Guilford Trust Co., banking charges		1 78
Sumner L. Hart, discharge tax liens		75
Sumner L. Hart, office supplies		14 40
Sumner L. Hart, office supplies		75
Mark Printing House, Town Clerk's supplies		5 35
Fox and Ginn, exp. on com.		1 41
Coney E. Packard, telephone bills		1 05
Guilford Trust Co., banking services		2 37
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		10 00
Fox and Ginn, exp. on Gov't com.		89
John L. Leavitt, bear bounty		20 00

Lionel L. Merrill, out of town trips, telephone and postage	13 73
Oxford County Fire Ins. Co.	
Ins. on Leighton farm	3 00
George E. Howard, ins. on town hall	17 50
State Treasurer, care of Marshall Southards	56 28
Maxwell Shaw, bear bounty	10 00
Guilford Trust Co., banking charges	2 48
Guilford Trust Co., banking charges	1 98
Sumner L. Hart, Excise receipt books	4 45
Sumner L. Hart, discharge tax liens	1 25
Mark Printing House, new form of town books	18 25
Coney E. Packard, telephone	60
Leslie E. Wharff, postage handling Gov't com.	4 46
Leslie E. Wharff, supplies, postage on Stamp plan	2 89
Treasurer of public school fund	30 00
Lionel L. Merrill, out-of-town trips	16 00
Guilford Trust Co., Food Stamp plan	60 00
William F. King, cutting grass cemetery	12 00
Labor and material sand shed	
Payrolls No. 1, 2, 3, 4	111 11
Weatherbee Plumbing Co., wire and fixtures for wiring town hall, nails, paper for sand shed	55 75
Eleanor B. Wharff, school flag	2 30
Payroll No. 1, wiring town hall and sund. sup.	34 19
Pay roll, No. 1, special election	25 08
Weatherbee Plumbing Co., light fixtures, bulbs, nails	33 58
Central Maine Power Co., light bill	2 50
Treasurer of State, auditing Town books	61 11
Maine Municipal Asso., dues for year	15 00
Central Maine Power Co.	2 50
Fred M. Hescock, sealer of wt. and meas.	5 00
John P. White, legal advice	4 00
Lionel L. Merrill, car hire, postage, telephone	11 95
C. W. and H. M. Hayes, legal advice	5 00

Treasurer public school funds, int. on notes	47	25
William L. Earley, abatements	17	13
Total incidental account	\$	1,048 27

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Coney E. Packard, moderator	\$	3 00
Coney E. Packard, cleaning town hall		
after town meeting		1 00
Adin A. Green, selectman's services		47 30
Lionel L. Merrill, first selectman		200 00
Coney E. Packard, chimney inspector		7 00
Leslie E. Wharff, selectman's serv.		50 00
Sumner L. Hart, posting warrant		1 50
Sumner L. Hart, constable's bond		10 00
Maggie M. Merrill, cleaning town hall		
after wiring		2 00
Leslie W. Knowles, services as town clerk,		
services as Justice of Peace,		
postage and supplies		21 50
Mary G. Leighton, chair. school com.		10 00
Eleanor B. Wharff, school com.		5 00
Ella E. Leighton, school com.		5 00
Sumner L. Hart, excise tax col.		9 19
William F. King, sexton		5 00
Sumner L. Hart,		
posting warrant, Dec. 4		1 50
Sumner L. Hart,		
services as treasurer		100 00
Sumner L. Hart,		
postage and stationery		10 50
Kathryn B. Green, typing warrants		2 00
Wm. L. Early, Iva Earley's com.		124 63
Wm. L. Earley, tax collector		236 60
Total town officers' bills	\$	852 72

Total incidental account		1,048	27
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Total expended, town charges	\$	1,900	99
Unexpended March 1, 1942	\$	314	10

### GIRLS AND BOYS' 4-H CLUBS

Project		1941		
Bean, Junior	Douglas Knowles	2nd	\$	90
Canning, Junior	Beverly Adkins	1st	1	25
Canning, Junior	Eila Packard	2nd		90
Canning, Junior	Thelma Leavitt	2nd		90
Cooking and Housekeeping				
Senior	Thelma Leavitt	3rd		30
Junior	Beverly Adkins	2nd		90
Junior	Pauline Leavitt	2nd		90
Junior	Mildred Stone	2nd		90
Junior	Beatrice Leighton	3rd		30
Junior	Eila Packard	3rd		30
Dairy				
Junior	Arthur Knowles	1st	1	25
Garden				
Junior	Arthur Knowles	1st	1	25
Junior	Dwinal Stone	1st	1	25
Junior	William Stone	2nd		90
Junior	Donald Leighton	3rd		30
Pig, Junior	Robert Leavitt	1st	1	25
Sewing, Junior	Mildred Stone	1st	1	25
			\$	15 00

The \$15.00 raised by the Town of Willimantic was given out as listed above.

MARIE E. ADKINS

Raised by town	\$	15 00
Paid Piscataquis Farm Bureau	\$	15 00

## COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

Raised by town 1941	\$	15 00
Raised for State Nurse 1940, unexp.	\$	10 00
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Total available for 1941	\$	25 00
Paid to R. W. Davis	\$	25 00

## OUTSTANDING BILLS

School fund, Town of Willimantic	\$	500 00
Resources		
Due on tax liens 1937-38	\$	36 17
Due on tax liens, 1939		108 05
Due on tax liens, 1940		
Jesse R. Arnold	\$	23 29
Federal Land Bank		141 26
Archie L. Bragg		30 80
Est. of Alice Harriman		2 19
G. Merle Hill		5 13
Burton L. Knowles		48 25
Myrtle A. Leighton		7 50
John F. McKinney		14 53
Harry M. Prescott		58 77
Francis H. Smith		60 06
Irving G. Preble		9 86
	\$	401 64
Due on unpaid taxes 1941		666 95
Cash on hand		715 89
	\$	1,928 70

### OVERSEERS OF POOR

Amount raised by town	\$	900 00
Unexpended March 1, 1941		221 24
Received of Agnes V. King to pay on		
Herbert W. King, poor acct. with int.	31	29
Rec'd of Maxwell Shaw, int. notes		
down payment		127 00
Rec'd of Town of Dover-Foxcroft on		
Lewis Sears acc't.		57 00
Rec'd of Coney E. Packard on note		4 00
Total amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$	1,340 53

#### W. S. Cook

Gladys Anderson, board and care	\$	216 00
Ross Drug store, medicine		51 69
Dr. F. E. Hanscom		9 00
Dr. G. E. Dore		16 00
	—————\$	292 69

#### Daniel Lamont

Agnes King, board and care	\$	332 60
Dr. Patterson		13 50
Koritsky's Store		4 32
Dr. O'brien		2 00
Kelton King		2 10
	—————\$	354 52

#### Matilda Chamberlain

Money sent to Mrs. Chamberlain	\$	70 00
Lionel L. Merrill, one trip to see		
Mrs. Chamberlain		3 00
Funeral expenses, Harvey & Harvey		
and minister		110 30
Bill King, sexton		8 00
Lionel L. Merrill, car hire and tel. work		
with Harvey and Harvey		7 40
	—————\$	198 70

## Charles Frost

William A. Burgess,		
commitment papers	\$	2 50
R. C. Stuart, M. D.		
Exam. and hearing fees		15 00
M. O. Brown, M. D.,		
Exam. and hearing fees		15 00
Percy W. Leighton, car hire, time		12 45
Verdell Leighton, care		5 95
Rodney J. Leighton, care		5 95
Ivan W. Leighton, use of car		
to Bangor		6 00
George H. Young, care		2 80
Rexford Turner, care		2 80
Lionel L. Merrill, car hire		
exp. to Bangor and tel.		18 30
Adin A. Green, car hire, time two trips		
to Bangor		11 30
Leslie E. Wharff, time		2 80
	\$	100 85

## Herbert W. King

Herbert W. King	\$	30 00
Total amount expended	\$	976 76
Amount available March 1, 1941	\$	1,340 53
Unexpended March 1, 1942	\$	363 76

## STATE POOR ACCOUNT

## Walter S. Stone

William L. Earley, rent	\$	15 00
William L. Earley, rent		11 25
		26 25

## Alice M. Sylvester

Clyde C. Knowles	\$	304 50
G. C. Howard, M. D.		8 00
	\$	312 50
Total expended	\$	338 75
Due from state 1940-41		154 00
	\$	492 75
Received from state 1941-42		438 25
Due from state to date	\$	54 50

LIONEL L. MERRILL,  
 LESLIE E. WHARFF,  
 ADIN A. GREEN,

Overseers of Poor

In closing the business of the town for the past year, we have tried to make our report as clear and complete as possible. If anyone wishes to ask any questions concerning this report we shall be very glad to explain at any time.

Our tax collectors have been very efficient in collecting our past year's taxes, also back taxes. If we as citizens and taxpayers cooperate in the future as we have in the past we shall be able to continue to decrease our town debt.

We wish to thank the citizens and tax payers for their fine cooperation in the discharge of our official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

LIONEL L. MERRILL,  
 LESLIE E. WHARFF,  
 ADIN A. GREEN,

Selectmen of Willimantic.

# Report of Road Commissioner

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## TOWN ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by town	\$	650 00
Over expended town road and		
Titcomb road		52 89
	\$	597 11
Appropriated 50-50 account		52 48
	\$	544 63
Appropriated Ledge Hill		7 64
	\$	536 99
Available March 1, 1941		
Weatherbee Plumb. Co., tools	\$	11 60
Payroll, No. 1		16 92
Payroll, No. 2		12 98
Burton Knowles, labor		6 00
Eugene Weston, labor		6 00
A. W. Pfuntner, repairs		2 00
Lionel Merrill, trucking		2 00
Payroll No. 3		114 84
Harry M. Prescott, gravel		9 00
Leon Titcomb, gravel		5 55
Payroll, No. 4		33 61
Hugh S. Goodell, gravel		19 10
Payroll, No. 5		78 16
Payroll, No. 6		115 54
Ivan W. Leighton, gravel		15 60
Rexford Turner, gravel		12 00

Payroll No. 6A	16	48
Rexford Turner, labor	3	50
G. P. Pullen, tools	3	50
G. P. Pullen, tools	1	50
Preston W. Merrill, labor	25	20
Payroll, No. 7 C. B.	18	24
Payroll No. 8	31	84
Ivan Leighton, labor	8	00
Lionel Merrill, labor	7	50
Payroll No. 9	32	33
W. E. Dean, plank	6	42
	\$	615 41
Available		536 99
Over expended 1941	\$	78 42

## 50-50 ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated from town rd.	\$	52	48
Received from state		50	00
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Amount available	\$	102	48
Payroll No. 1	\$	102	48

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE LEDGE HILL

Amount received from state	\$	7	54
Appropriated from town roads		7	64
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Amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$	15	18
Payroll No. 1	\$	15	18

## SPECIAL RESOLVE MAINTENANCE

Amount raised by town	\$	45 00
Unexpended 1940		36
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Amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$	45 36

Payroll No. 1	\$	27 94	
Payroll No. 2		16 94	
		<hr/>	\$
Unexpended 1941			44 88
			48

#### PATROL MAINTENANCE

Raised by town	\$	362 00	
Unexpended in 1940		63 43	
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Amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$		425 43
State Highway com.	\$	354 60	
Treas. of State Old Age Assist.		63 43	
Trans. to Town Charges		7 40	
		<hr/>	\$
			425 43

#### CUTTING BUSHES ON STATE AID AND THIRD CLASS ROADS

Amount raised by town	\$	125 00	
Overexpended 1940		11 27	
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Amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$		113 73
Payroll No. 1	\$	11 20	
Payroll No. 2		28 00	
Payroll No. 3		30 80	
Payroll No. 4		36 40	
Payroll No. 5		19 60	
		<hr/>	\$
			126 00
Overexpended 1941			<hr/>
			\$ 12 27

#### UNIMPROVED ROADS

Received from State	\$	117 84	
Unexpended 1940		2 79	
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Amount available Mar. 1, 1941	\$		120 63
Leon Titcomb, gravel	\$	13 80	

Payroll No. 1	108 80
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	\$ 122 60

Overexpended 1941	\$ 1 97
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#### WINTER ROADS AND SNOW FENCE

Amount raised by town	\$ 700 00
Unexpended Mar. 1, 1941	549 24
	\$ 1,249 24
Payroll No. 1	\$ 8 88
Lionel L. Merrill, out-of-town trips	11 00
Standard Fence Co., snow fence	35 00
Payroll No. 2	43 66
Payroll No. 3	60 88
John Scales & Son, wire, snow fence	8 12
Christine Packard, typing contracts	2 00
Payroll No. 4	15 12
Payroll No. 1	6 32
	\$ 190 98

#### SANDING ACCOUNT

Linwood G. Patterson	\$ 3 38
Rexford Turner	1 23
W. H. Shurtleff, salt	51 00
Payroll No. 1, hauling stock pile	71 58
Payroll, No. 4, putting up cul. mark.	15 12
Payroll No. 1, sanding	17 00
Payroll No. 2, sanding	11 72
Payroll No. 3, sanding	14 36
Payroll No. 4, sanding	24 36
Payroll No. 5, sanding	11 88
	\$ 221 63

Total amount expended	\$ 412 61
Left for winter plowing	\$ 836 63
Rec'd from State for snow removal snow fence and sanding	1,080 62

Total amount left for snow plowing	\$ 1,917 25
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Starbird and Clark	\$	371	39
Starbird and Clark	\$	371	39
Starbird and Clark		395	89
Starbird and Clark		395	89
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Total amount of plowing			\$ 1,534 56
Unexpended March 1, 1942			\$ 382 69

## THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Amount raised by town	\$	142	00
Overexpended 1940		2	76
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Amount available			\$ 139 24
Payroll No. 1	\$	3	84
Hugh Goodell, gravel		4	35
Payroll No. 2		22	06
Payroll No. 3		4	61
Payroll No. 4		13	46
			\$ 48 32
Unexpended 1941			\$ 90 92

## THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

Apportioned by State 1941	\$	285	00
Unexpended third class maint. 1941		90	92
Received back from state		20	25
			—
Total amount available			\$ 396 17
Expended by state, tar bill, req.		\$264	75
Expended by town, hauling out tar sand			
Payroll No. 2		4	66
Payroll No. 1		41	94
H. S. Goodell, tar sand		4	05
State treasurer, tar		22	98
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Total amount expended			\$ 338 38
Unexpended 1941			\$ 57 79

## STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	\$	450 00
Received from state		1,151 81
Joint fund	\$	1,601 81
Payroll No. 1	\$	24 62
Payroll No. 2		216 26
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.		189 63
Payroll No. 3		321 24
Payroll No. 4		409 47
Payroll No. 5		418 95
Payroll No. 6		7 42
Payroll No. 7		17 56
J. W. Marsh, cedar posts		14 10
	\$	1,619 25
Overexpended	\$	17 44

REXFORD R. TURNER,  
Road Commissioner.

LIONEL L. MERRILL,  
LESLIE E. WHARFF,  
ADIN A. GREEN,  
Selectmen of Willimantic.

## Report of Treasurer

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1941	Dr.
Feb. 27	Checking account \$ 1,368 42
Mar. 1	Dover-Foxcroft, poor acc't 57 00
Mar. 13	State treas., state paupers 83 00
Mar. 17	Maxwell Shaw, 1st pay't on farm 50 00
Apr. 4	Coney E. Packard, on note 4 00
Apr. 19	Maude L. Huff, cemetery lot 5 00
May 3	Town clerk, dog licenses 24 20
May 6	Guilford Trust Co., to pay order 1,000 00
May 6	State Treas., porcupine bounty 36 00
May 12	State treas., state paupers 153 50
June 27	State Treasurer, rem. of snow 1,080 62
July 18	State treas., highway 50-50 50 00
Aug. 2	State treas., maintenance unim. rds. 117 84
Sept. 20	State treas., state paupers 96 75
Oct. 14	Guilford Trust Co., to pay order 1,000 00
Nov. 5	State treas., 3rd class roads 20 25
Nov. 5	State treas., state paupers 46 50
Nov. 27	Guilford Trust Co., int. cemetery fund 1 50
Dec. 1	State treas., state paupers 12 75
Dec. 5	State treas., dog license fund 21 51
Dec. 5	State treas., school fund 625 67
Dec. 5	State treas., R. R. & Tel. tax 40
Dec. 18	State treas., state pauper 23 25
Dec. 31	State treas., Ledge Hill 50-50 7 54
1942	
Jan. 7	State treas., state aid road 1,151 81

Jan. 10	Wilson Valley Grange, 1/2 cost wiring hall	55 36
Jan. 14	State treas., state pauper	22 50
Jan. 20	Maxwell Shaw, payment on farm	50 00
Jan. 20	Maxwell Shaw, interest on note	27 00
Feb. 19	Piscataquis Savings bank, cem. fund	3 50
Feb. 24	Treas. of school fund, interest	59 30
Feb. 24	Herbert W. King and Agnes King note and interest	31 29
	State Treasurer, Bear Bounty	140 00
	Teacher Compensation Acc't	75 40
	Automobile Excise Tax	229 65
	Tax Liens, 1940 with cost and int.	12 52
	Tax Liens, 1941 with cost and int.	347 75
	Taxes, 1940	108 12
	Taxes, 1941	7,973 90
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		\$ 16,172 80

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Order Paid	\$ 15,456 91
Checking Acc't, Guilford	
Trust Co.	660 35
Checks	55 54
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	\$ 16,172 80

### REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Amt. of Fund	Int.	Exp.	Unexp.
Ann Hathaway	\$ 50 00	.75	.75	
Mrs. A. D. Stilson	25 00	.375	.375	
Florence M. Jackson	25 00	.375	.375	
Alice J. Norton	25 00	.50	.50	
Calvin Sears	150 00	3.26	3.00	.26

SUMNER L. HART, Treas.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND ..**

Piscataquis Savings Bank	\$	1,270	77	
Town of Willimantic				
note of May 1, 1920		500	00	
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		\$	1,770	77
Interest trans. to common school fund	\$	59	30	

SUMNER L. HART,  
Treasurer

## **Report of Superintendent of Schools**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Willimantic:

I am submitting herewith my annual report as superintendent of your schools. In these reports it is possible to refer only briefly to the aims, needs, and achievements of the school program. Any adequate school program requires some time to plan, but there are parts of it that must be considered every year. Some of these parts will need special consideration this year.

The impact of present-day events on our social order is such as to cause us to ponder on the type of society that will eventually result and the problems it will bring. To forecast in detail just what this future society will be is, of course, impossible. At times we become aware that changes are occurring and of necessity must plan changes in educational policies to meet them. It is not conceivable that the policies of public education can be so flexible as to meet every change as it occurs. We can, however, with a considerable degree of certainty take action in molding our educational program with assurance that we are meeting present needs.

Information in regard to tax rates can be helpful to all in planning and raising school funds. This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01301, while the average of the municipal rates is .05910. The average of the school rates is the same as that for last

year, and the average of the municipal rates is approximately the same. Towns having a rate for school maintenance equal to or exceeding .01301 will share in equalization in December, 1942, provided the basic measure of .012 on the state assessed valuation of the town fails to produce the minimum educational program as provided in our State Equalization Law.

The present school tax rate for Willimantic is .01113, while the municipal rate is .067. Both of these rates are just a little below what the same rates were for last year. It has been shown that the right of any town to share in equalization depends on two things. One is the school tax rate; the other is the basic measure of .012 on the state assessed valuation of the town failing to produce the minimum educational program. The basic measure of .012 on the state assessed valuation of the town will produce approximately \$1,800. The town has been raising less than that sum annually for school purposes for sometime now.

### SCHOOL PROGRESS

During the past year there have been few changes or departures from the established school program. Three schools are being maintained in the town. The enrollment in all of the schools for the present year is thirty, but this enrollment is so evenly divided in the three schools that all three should be able to maintain the required average daily attendance of at least eight pupils. Two changes in teachers have been made this year. One change was made before the beginning of the school year in September; the other change was made at the beginning of the winter term. I think you will find that school work in most cases is proving very satisfactory. All of the schools are very well furnished with textbooks, supplies, and other needed teaching material.

The laws provides that Courses of Study in Elementary schools shall be used in all towns as prepared by

the Commissioner of Education unless the town prepares its own course of study which must have his approval. The schools in the town are furnished with copies of the Course of Study as prepared by the Commissioner of Education. It is possible, thereby, to have some definite plan of school work.

### SAFEGUARDING THE SCHOOLS

Financing the schools has been made difficult in recent years by the great depression. Today the defense program is taking an increasing share of the national income. Some people are saying that we will have to sacrifice other things, including the schools to pay for defense. They ignore these facts: (1) our productive capacity has been only partly used for many years and is capable of greater increase, (2) business is now soaring to new high levels, (3) modern warfare requires trained, intelligent people at the front and at home, (4) education is vital to economic well-being, (5) when our defense efforts cease there will be crucial problems for which a vital educational program will be needed. The education of our children cannot be postponed, therefore, their education must be safeguarded or lost.

It should be deemed necessary that we continue with the policy of employing only efficient and well-trained teachers in our schools. We have found during the past year that teachers are leaving the service in ever-increasing number and included in this number are many of the most energetic, progressive and effective school people in the field. This is not a matter of choice on the part of the teachers. They are forced to do this because of our indifferent attitude and their living conditions. This shortage of teachers is likely to become more and more acute. If we are to hold this class of public servants for this most important work, we must continue to make teaching increasingly attractive. A living wage is the first step. Farsightedness in this

respect may mean the difference between the continued success of the school system, and a slump even more serious than that experienced during and after the last war.

### SCHOOL FUNDS AND NEEDS

This year one can only try to estimate with some degree of certainty what it will cost to maintain the schools for this coming year. We can reasonably look for increases in the cost, and make provisions for taking care of those increases when planning the school budget. The possibility of obtaining teachers for the next school year at the salaries now being paid seems very doubtful now. Neither can I give any assurance that I shall recommend in the budget the necessary funds to enable school officials to obtain desirable teachers for your schools. We can only hope that teachers may be had with whatever funds are raised.

Considering the amount expended during the past year and the likely need for funds for the coming year reasonable sums should be raised for high school tuitions, textbooks and school supplies, and insurance on buildings. The appropriations that seem necessary are being included in the budget being printed.

Most of the money expended this year in the way of school repairs was for special cleaning at the No. 1 building, for care of the floors, and for parts to stoves. There was little money available, so not much of anything was planned for repairs about the school buildings.

Plans should be made at this March meeting so that the roof of the No. 3 building can be shingled this coming summer. This is a large roof, and will need, for the work, many shingles and several days of labor. Then there will be some cost for other material that is needed when shingling is being done. The condition of one of the stoves is such that plans should

be made for repairing that soon. As always some funds will be needed for general repairs and for material.

### SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

#### Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,975 00
School janitors	140 00
School fuel	160 00
	————— \$ 2,275 00

#### Estimate for Receipts:

State school fund	\$ 375 00
Interest from school fund	50 00
Appropriation by town	1,800 00
	————— \$ 2,275 00

#### Appropriations Recommended:

Elementary school account	\$ 1,800 00
High school account	100 00
Free textbook account	75 00
School supply account	60 00
School insurance account	30 00
School repairs account	200 00
Superintendence account	95 70
School nurse account	25 00

Under the heading of Financial Statements is to be found the usual information relative to school funds raised by the town for school purposes, the funds received from the state and applied to school accounts, together with expenditures for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 20, 1942

Superintendent of Schools

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1941-1942****ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT****Receipts**

Unexpended, 1940	\$ 360 39
Raised by town	1,575 00
State School Fund	376 61
Interest on School Fund	59 30
	————— \$ 2,371 30

**Expenditures**

## Teachers' Salaries:

Virginia A. Brown	\$ 240 00
Thurley M. Knowles	359 00
Faye I. Mitchell	583 00
Pearle M. Whittier	464 00
Arlene M. Merrill	102 00
	————— \$ 1,748 00

## School Fuel:

Ervin T. Green	\$ 61 50
Leslie E. Wharff	41 50
Florence Preble	36 00
Lionel L. Merrill	5 00
Lynwood Leighton	4 00
	————— \$ 148 00

## School Janitor Purposes:

School janitors	\$ 101 60
Cleaning at buildings	23 95
Supplies for janitors	8 75
	————— \$ 134 30

## Unexpended, 1941

	\$ 341 00
	—————

\$ 2,371 30
—————

**HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT****Receipts**

Unexpended, 1940	\$ 404 22
State School Fund	248 06
	————— \$ 652 28

## Expenditures

## Trustees Hebron Academy:

Burton Packard	\$	54 00
Marlborough Packard		54 00
	—————\$	108 00

## Town of Guilford:

Tuition for 1940-1941	\$	37 80
Anton Anderson		64 80
Dana Knowles		64 80
Madeline Knowles		64 80
Eila Packard		39 60
	—————\$	271 80

## Higgins Classical Institute:

Marlborough Packard	\$	40 00
Unexpended, 1941		232 48
	—————\$	652 28

## FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1940	\$	50 89
Raised by town		50 00
	—————\$	100 89

## Expenditures

Ginn and Company	\$	21 68
The Macmillan Company		7 74
Charles Scribner's Sons		14 85
Frontier Press Company		18 35
American Education Press		12 40
Row, Peterson & Company		12 04
	—————\$	87 06
Unexpended, 1941		13 83
	—————\$	100 89

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1940	\$	19 88
Raised by town		60 00
	\$	79 88

## Expenditures

Office supplies, etc.	\$	12 10
J. L. Hammett Company		25 14
Edward E. Babb & Co.		22 90
	\$	60 14
Unexpended, 1941	\$	19 74
	\$	79 88

## SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1940	\$	20 48
Raised by town		50 00
	\$	70 48

## Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger	\$	12 35
John E. Gormley		12 00
Leslie E. Wharff		1 50
Bruce A. Packard		3 00
G. P. Pullen		6 19
	\$	35 04
Unexpended, 1941	\$	35 44
	\$	70 48

## SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Raised by town	\$	95 70
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## Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	\$	95 70
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## ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

This is a community containing a good number of young health minded mothers who avail themselves of knowledge concerning child care, through free literature and home nursing visits.

In June a well attended child health conference was held in conjunction with the Farm Bureau. Eleven children were examined by a physician, four received immunization against diphtheria.

Plans are under way for a class in Home Nursing to be taught soon after the first of the year.

ELEANOR GRIFFITHS,  
Public Health Nurse.

To the Selectmen and citizens of Willimantic, I hereby submit the report of the Piscataquis County Nursing Service for the year beginning January 1, 1941 and ending December 31, 1941.

An individual inspection of school children was made in May and again in October.

Number of pupils inspected in October	30
"        "    with vision defects	3
"        "    teeth defects	20
"        "    with throat defects	4
"        "    with orthopedic defects	1
Number of notices sent to parents	16
Number of home visits made	4

The largest number of defects were those of teeth, the number being 20. Annual physical inspection of 28 pupils showed 6 potential Seven Point pupils.

Our records of service do not show any tuberculosis cases in this town.

Citizens are reminded to call the nurse to assist them in solving their health problems.

Appreciation is extended to all who have helped to make this service possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Piscataquis County Nursing Service  
By NELLIE R. GIBBONS, R. N.,  
Public Health Nurse.

# Report of Town Clerk

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## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC DURING MUNICIPAL YEAR 1941-42

1941

- April 3. Janet Ealine Leighton, daughter of Rodney J. and Mary Leighton.  
August 23. Rexford Ray Turner, Jr., son of Rexford R. and Violet Turner.

## DEATHS

1941

- March 17. Hugh Gourley, aged 79 yrs., 7 mos., 17 das., Cerebral Embolism. Reported by W. H. Kerr, M. D.  
Oct. 28. Grace M. Flanders of Sangerville, aged 66 yrs., 1 mo., 23 das., of Chronic Nephritis. Reported by J. B. Valentine, M. D.  
Oct. 31. Iva Mae Earley, aged 65 yrs., 10 mos., 15 das., of Cerebral Hemorrhage. Reported by M. O. Brown, M. D.  
Dec. 17. Matilda Ellen Chamberlain, aged 84 yrs., 11 mos., 20 das., of Senility. Reported by H. Lewis Taylor, M. D.

## MARRIAGES

1941

- July 12. John E. Gormley and Joyce Arline Packard, by Leslie W. Knowles, J. P., at Willimantic, Me.  
August 16. Erstace A. Judkins and Lulu E. Gourley, by Leslie W. Knowles, J. P., at Willimantic.  
Number of Dogs Licensed, 18.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE W. KNOWLES, Town Clerk.













## **Preserve This Report**

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A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.